York blew the new year in last night, and an 18-carst gale did blowing enough on its own account to puff the old year out. There was weather enough abroad to give any man

ambition for his own fireside, but nobody minds weather on New Year's eve. Though rain, hall and hurricane lashed the habitable earth, though lightning spattered the vault of heaven and thunder shook the foun-dations of the worl i, though tidal waves rode the adjacent seas, though earthquakes shattered the cities built of men and canoes spouted flery ruin into the skies, the New Yorker would get out with his tin horn on e last night of December and blow while there was a breath left in his lungs. Otherwise he wouldn't consider himself justified in putting a new final figure on his dates.

Possibly there weren't more persons abroad last night than on former New Year's Eves. If so it was due to the weather. And, anyway, ere weren't less out than is commonly the case. The bulk of the growd made a pilgrimage to Trinity Church to hear the chimes or to pretend to hear them. What one chiefly hears is the horns. All along the route fakirs with horns to sell greeted the pilgrims with appeals

"Here's yer real lung-testin' horns. Quarter apiece. Blow high or blow low. Sopranner horns for the loidies, bass horns for the gents. Anythin' in between that yer want, includin' iter, contraiter, mezzer-soppranner an' all kinds of tenor. Only a quarter each. Step up an' strengthen yer lungs, loidies an' gents, and yer won't never have consumption. lines 6 o'clock in the evening the fakirs had

en speaking their pieces with frequent musical interludes by way of illustration, but it was only after 11 that the sales began to be brisk. Then the procession down Broadway began to assume notable proportions and the sideralk noise-merchants to do a lively business. Their claim to have all kinds of horns was not without foundation. There were big horns that beliewed, and little horns that squeaked; thin horns that blared and fat horns that boomed; long horns that whooped and short horns that moaned, and when they all beliewed, squeaked, blared, boomed, whooped and moaned together, the effect was enough to have caused a timid new year to turn tail and fiee back to the place whence he came while there was yet time. Occasionally in a pause of the clamor one could hear a wandering bell-tone borne along by the breeze. It was the chimes which so many people had assembled to hear.

About fifty stalwart policemen were on guard in front of Trinity Church when the wanguard of the crowd arrived. Their arduous dutles consisted in holding their hands to their ears, thereby mitigating the effect of both the cold and the music. They made no overtaitempt to enforce the ordinance against loud and unnecessary noises. They just stood around and stamped their feet and looked as if they would rather have been celebrating New lear's somewhere else. It was about hallpast 11 when Albert Meislahn, Jr., the bell chimer of Trinity, got to work upon fourteen selections. Mr. Meislahn has the reputation of being a fine performer on his own particular instrument, and there was nothing in last night's performance to detract from his fame. He worked hard and faithfully, and secred a brilliant success with "Yankee Doodle" by making that selection actually recognizable over all the efforts of the tin band on the pavement below.

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Meantime the crowd, which had chiefly disembarked from cable cars and elevated trains, began to realize that it was a real winter night. A gale of fifty miles an hour lashed Broadway with whifis of sleet and made travelling against it a pretty uncomfortable performance. The crowd gathered in big groups of two or three hundred, and the groups of two or three hundred, and the groups puddled together as closely as might be for mutual warmth. There was a big proportion of women in the turnout, and, umbrellas being powerless against the buffetings of the gale, escorts were forced to extend protection with overcoats and ulsters and to form bulwarks against the wind around their fair companions. The latter didn't seem to mind the rough usage of the weather, however, and stood up to it bravely, giving blow for blow through their horns.

As the hour of midnight approached the

As the hour of midnight approached the clamor grew flercer. A compact group of fully 500 people on the southeast corner of Broadway and Wall street begun rhythmic tooting all together, at the same time jumping up and down, presumably to keep their feet warm. In the dim light, with the flying snow all about, the performance might well have been taken by a foreigner for some wild and mystic religious rite. There was a foreigner from Chicago in the crowd, who wandered around disconsolate. At the minutes before midnight he accosted one of the policemen.

"Been going on for half an hour," replied the

"Been going on for half an hour," replied the cap. "Hear that?"

In a momentary lull the faint boom of a bell came floating down from aloft.

"That!" said the other in tones of disgust.

"The cap that the county is a couple of times before, but I thought it was a clock of times before, but I thought it was a clock striking. You wouldn't get Chicago folks to turn out for any chimes like that."

A little distance up Broadway the brilliantly lighted face of a clock on a tail building kept the crowd apprised of the time. A group of young fellows, all of them armed with deeptoned horns, established themselves as special assistants and announcers to the clock. They would rend out a tremendous blast on their horns and then shout all together:

"Five minutes of 12, and all's well."

Then there would follow a great roar of sound, and when the announcers got another chance they shouted:

"These minutes of 12 and all's well."

At this there was a lull. Even the most enthusiastic blowers began to save up wind for the great effort. Despite the nipping cold, those who couldn't see the clock began to get out watches and manouvers for a ray of light from somewhere whereby they could tail the time. It was then that the tops of "Yankes Doodle" became so distinctly sudine that the people recognized it and announced proudly one to another that they had found out what the chimes were playing. At any minute before 18% the crowd was quite who was blessed with a stentorian voice, and he believed through his cupped hands:

One minute left. Make your New Year's resciutious, ladies and gentlemen. Last thanks.

The last minute seemed to pass slowly. Sevalule lowers got impationt and began toother.

and he believed through his cupped hands:
One minute left. Make your New Year's resolutions. ladies and gentlemen. Last change!
The last minute seemed to pass slowly. Several blowers got impatient and began tooting their swan song prematurely. Others followed their example, and by 11:50:30 the whole tin orchestra was in full blast. All that had cone before was as a scothing lullaby to this. Fron the gale got discouraged and let down for a moment. The racket was so maddening that a man couldn't even think of his New Year's resolutions. There were people there who afterward asserted that the chanes were playing at midnight; that they heard them; that they were playing "Ring out, wild bells, to the wild aky," which would have been particularly appropriate as regarded the sky. The resorter wouldn't like to have to swear that there was any sound on earth for the first few minutes of the new year other than those swoived by a heavy expression of the human breath late at tube.

By the time that first wind had given out, it was discoverable that people were doing various curious things. Some were casting their hats in the air, and the air was discoverable that people were doing various curious things. Some were casting their hats in the air, and the air mean there handkerchiels. Others were enthusiastically shaking hands with all the strangers in sight and wishing them the usual thing. A young gentleman with an old year's breath announced iously and frequently that he was Hobson and open to offers from all ladies who were young and acting in good faith and with patriotic motives. An old man stood on the upbound car track with his hat held aloft, exclaiming solemnly:

"Ro more whisk! No more whisk!"

After repeating this conclas swear-off a few dozen times, he was somewhat harshly removed from the track by an employee of the railroad company to make room for a cable car, which so that his ceilings that he retired to a doorway and soinced himself from a flask which, it is charitable to suppose contained cold ten. Conside

what do you want to do that for?" a dozen
psople wanted to know.

"Idtie superstition of mine," he explained.

"Matever you do when the New Year comes
in you'll keep on doing all the rest of the year.
If burn money now I'll have money to burn
until 1600."

until 1800.

With the aid of a sheltering hat he finally got the bill lighted, and flourished it aloft, but it sourched his flogers, and with a yell he let it go. Bown the wind it sailed, a swift meteor, and many hands reached for it. Presently one got it. Three minutes hater a very solled gentleman of the lowery lodging-house type was heard to remark to a companion:

ompanion:

"Only one corner burned off. If money keeps charus.

"In the first was easy as dat until 1:00 I'll be faitful to bowail their faults of the past year, to praise toof or the blessings on erred upon them and to ask its blessings in the sear to some Solemn benealts on the people made for the procession, and the people made for

THE NEW YEAR STORMS IN.

ALL THE WINDS AND HORNS THAT
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Your Hands Over Your Ears Was the Proper
Way to Greet 1890—Women Face the Wild
Weather with the Men and Follow Tradition and Frosted Noses Down to Trinity.

With the biare of thousands of horns New
York blew the new year in last night, and an
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OUR EXHIBIT IN PARIS NEXT YEAR, Applications for Space Exceed the Allot-ment by 483,000 Square Feet.

Major Frederick Brackett, Secretary of the United States Commission of the Paris Exposition, was seen at the offices of the com-mission in this city yesterday and asked about the arrangements made for the United States exhibitions. He said that at the Exposition the United States exhibit would be second only in point of size and completeness to the ex-

ace, but the United States has a larger allotment than either England or Germany. However, the French Commissioners will try to give equal favors to the four great countries, England, the United States, Russia and Germany. Germany is making great efforts to excel all other nations at the Exposition, and the United States will find Germany its keenest competitor. The German Government has appropriated twice the sum allowed to our commission. The Germans are going to make a great fight at Paris in 1900 for the trade of the world

"Commissioner-General Peck has secured additional space amounting to about 50 per cent overtheoriginal allotment. The space now given to this country is about 217,000 square feet. As the applications from intending exhibitors even now ask for over 700,000 square feet, somebody, of course, must be disappointed. Therefore Commissioner Peck will eliminate all displays that would be other than creditable to the United States. The demand for electrical space alone now amounts to 83,000 feet more than the entire allotment to this country. "There is no coldness nor indifference on the part of the people of this country toward the Paris Exposition. Americans are enthusiastic over the opportunity to show the rest of the world the results of their Yankee brains and their wonderful energy.

"As to the allotment of space to exhibitors, that will be done at the earliest possible moment by Commissioner-General Peck and his directors of departments. There will be no needless delay in assigning space and notifying exhibitors.

"The rumor that the Exposition will be additional space amounting to about 50 per

Major Brackett will be in charge of the New York offices of the United States Commission until the commission leaves for Paris.

MARRIED AT THE NEW YEAR.

A Unique Ceremony Last Night at the Hun

annual Hungarian peasant ball ar ranged for the benefit of the charity fund of the Hungarian Literary Society of New York was held last night at the Grand Cen-tral Palace. The hall was decorated with Hungarian flags and banners, and booths, characteristic of Hungarian peasant homes, were about the dancing floor. Every type of the Hungarian people was represented type of the Hungarian people was represented in the costumes worn by the dancers. The general impression given was that of a real Hungarian village with its inhabitants.

The main feature, however, of last night's entertainment was the marriage of a young Hungarian couple, Istoran Guenter and Mariska Minnesko, whose romance beganin Hungary, in the province of Nagy Mihali, some years ago. They were separated by the bride's parents and she was sent to this country. The young man served his time in the army and followed her here. Their case came to the notice of the Hungarian Literary Society, and the marriage of last night was arranged. After the wedding ceremony proper several dances, which form an important part of it, were given.

Alderman Emil Neufeld performed the marriage ceremony and a wedding feast followed.

PARKER A MORPHINE FIEND.

Father of the Young Man Arrested for Forgery Says the Drug Ruined Him. CHICAGO, Dec. 31,-August A. Parker, father of Frank A. Parker, the young Chicagoan ar-rested in New York for check forgeries, said

"My son is an eater of morphine, and that is why he has gone astray. I have done all for him that a father could. He attended the Harvard School in this city and associated with the best families in Chicago. Success was his in his first business venture as a commission merchant in South Water street. Finally he merchant in South Water street. Finally he fell in with evil companions. Then he fell.

"In August I sent him to New York, hoping the change in environment would better him. I sent him money each week upon which to live. I learned he had taken up some advertising scheme, and supposed he was getting along nicely until I heard he had been arrested, charged with forging notes, Morphine has rulined him. Before he became addicted to that drug I could place confidence in what he told me."

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Mabel Rapp, whose name is connected with that of Parker, is a Chicago girl. It is said that she also is in New York.

ACTOR CANFIELD ARRESTED. Taken in Custody at the Star Theatre or Wife's Charge of Non-Support.

Eugene Canfield, an actor, was arrested at he Star Theatre last night on a warrant sworn out by his wife, Sally Canfield, of 57 Morningide avenue, charging him with non-support. Canfield is at present playing the part of Buttons in Blaney's "A Female Drummer," in which Johnstone Bennett is starring. 47 years old. The warrant was issued by Magistrate Oimsted, in the Harlem Court, and Can-field will be arraigned there to-day.

He was locked up in the Mercer street station at the close of the performance, but was bailed within an hour by Emil Mesner of 840 Broad-way. Caufield is at present living at the Metropolitan Hotel on Broadway.

A Trolley Car Was Stuck at the 65th Street and 9th Avenue Switch.

The plough of trolley car 263 of the Sixth avenue underground trolley line became jammed at 11:30 o'clock last night in the switch at Sixty-fifth street and Ninth avenue as the car was about to turn into the Boulevard. It could not be moved until a wrecking crew arrived, and the blockade lasted until 12:15 o'clock this merning.
Over seventy-five cars were in the blockade, as the Columbus avenue cable cars, the Fifty-ninth street crosstown line, the Ninth avenue horse cars and the Boulevard horse cars also use the tracks.

PROSPERITY IN ENGLAND.

Revenue for Last Quarter of 1898 Shor

Increase of Over \$4,000,000. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 1 .- The Treasury statemen for the last quarter of 1898 shows the revenue to have been £28,632,334, against £27,768,672 for the corresponding period of 1897.

Penley, of "Charley's Aunt" Fame, in New Comedy.

Special Cable Desputch to THE BUS. London, Dec. 31.-W. S. Penley, of "Charley's Aunt" fame, appeared to-night at the Royalty Theatre in a new farcical comedy entitled "A Little liay of Sunshine." While the play is not likely to prove as popular as "Charley's Aunt," it promises to be fairly successful.

Services at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

An elaborate musical programme was the distinctive feature of the New Year's eve services at Ht. Patrick's Cathedral Miserere, by Rheinberger, and a Benedictus from the Sistine Chapel colle ton were rendered by the Cathedral quartet and full chorus. Miss Hilke sang The Hot Night, by Adam, and Miss Glary mg Shebey's Caristmas Song, Silos Tan-tal Frys was song by Mr. Kaiser and the horus

onneed yesterday that he had appointed Wilinm Methyen of Finshing under sheriff, in place of John Luyster of Gien Cove. Luyster has need the office for a yea. The reason given for his removal is that he will be a resident of Nacon pound, after to-day.

EASY VICTORY FOR ELKES.

HIS PACED RACE WITH "BABY" GIB

The Youngster No Match for the Exper enced Professional-Newhouse Wiss the One-Mile Handleap-Nat and Frank Butler Capture the Pursuit Race. A crowd smaller than any that has been at since the indoor season opened was present last night to see one of the best programmes that has been offered this winter. There was a quarter-mile scratch for final and final: two tar dem pursuit races, one mile handicap for professionals, and the ten-mile paced race between Elkes and "Baby" Gibson. The riding was spirited, the times to tickle the nerves of the veterans who are

In only one of the heats of the pursuit

races did the men ride the allotted distance without one competitor catching another. Only two teams were started in each heat, and from opposite sides of the track. The tandem contest between the amateurs created more enthusiasm than the "brothers race" between professionals.

Another "boy wonder" was produced. He was Joseph Downey of Boston, whose age is said to be less than the sixteen years prescribed for public performance. Downey is a chubby youth of solemn mien, who follows pace the way a dog runs after a piece of pork that is back and dangles in front of his nose. In spite of his clumsy manner, which was excusable on the ground of injuries received while training on Thursday, the boy rode a mile in 2 minutes 54-5 seconds, and his time for the half mile was 59:2-5 seconds, which is two-fifths of a second better than the best previous indoor record. other. Only two teams were started in

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The paced race, which was supposed to be the main attraction on the programme, was a disappointment. The result of it is that "Baby" Harry Gibson of Cincinnati, who really has done some good riding for a boy, and has therefore been overestimated, will now drop back to his proper place and not figure as a star. He received an allowance of forty-five seconds from Elkes in a ten-mile race last night. He could have given twice the allowance to him with safety. Both riders were paced by tandems. At the end of the forty-five seconds, when Elkes got the signal to start, Gibson had travelled only three laps and three-quarters. In a mile and a half, Elkes had caught up with the "Baby" and had gained 7 seconds. When Elkes had finished his ten miles "Michael No. 2" had not only lost his three laps and a quarter start, but was five and a quarter laps behind. Elke's net time was 20 minutes 30 1-5 seconds.

Summaries of the other events follow:

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Tandem Pursuit Race—For teams of "brothers," five miles, unless one team overtakes another in a lesser distance, First heat—Won by National Frank Butler, against Charles and "Clem" Turville. Distance, 74 laps. Time, 1 minute 32 1-5 seconds. Second Bast—Won by Daniel and George Ercamer against John and Ivan Lawson. Distance, 10% laps. Time, 2 minutes 15 2-5 seconds. Final Heat—Won by Butler brothers vs. Ercamer brothers in chief laps. Time, 1 minute 22 4-5 seconds. Quarter-Mile Race, Soratch, Amateur—Final heat won by F. L. Kramer, W. F. Wahrenberger, New York, second; G. C. Schreiber, New York, third. Time, 35 seconds.

One-Mile Handleap, Professional—Final heat won by Al Newhouse, Buffalo, 80 yards; H. F. Terrell. San Francisco, 40 yards, second; E. Leonard, Buffalo, 80 yards, third; B. A. Miller, New York, 30 yards, fourth. Time, 2 minutes 5 seconds.

Club Tandem Pursuit Race—First heat won by George Schreiber and W. F. Wahrenberger, Pierce Wheelmen, Brank Kramer and C. M. Ertz, Riverside Wheelmen, sacond. Distance, 124 laps. Time, 2 minutes 36 4-5 seconds. Second heat won by M. R. Brown and Thomas Adamitz, Tourist Cycle Club. Distance, 2 miles. Time, 4 minutes 26 seconds. Final heat won by Brown and Adamitz, Schreiber and Wahrenberger second. Distance, 19 laps. Time, 4 minutes 14 4-5 seconds.

Six Cyclers Start on the Midnight Race to

Of the twenty cyclers who entered for the annual midnight race of the Associated Cycling Clubs of New York from here to Tarrytown, about twenty-four miles, six were brave enough to start out against the snow and gale last night. They were H. Y. Bedell, and gale last night. They were H. Y. Bedell, Riverside Wheelmen: Paul Thomas, Century Wheelmen: J. C. Loeke, Triumph Wheelmen; W. H. Wiley, Metropolitan Wheelmen; Charles Fisher, Harlem Wheelmen, and Charles Mock, Metropolitan Wheelmen. The start was made according to programme at one minute after 12 o'clock from Fifty-ninth street and the Boulevard. The men will be checked at Yonkers, and the first man there will receive a bottle of wine. The first man to reach Tarrytown will get a bottle of wine besides winning two medals, one offered by the A. C. C. of New York and the other the Gerbereux trophy, which becomes the rider's personal property when won three times. The others in the race get nothing.

Pillsbury Plays Chess and Checkers in

CHICAGO, Dec. 31 .- Harry N. Pillsbury, the noted chess player, began an engagement of one week to-day at the rooms of the Chicago Chess and Checker Club, where he entertained Chess and Checker Cub, where he entertained a large number of spectators by exhibitions of his skill at both games. He played twelve games of chess with local experts winning eight and drawing four. At checkers he played seven games, winning four, drawing one, and losing two. It is estimated that in playing the nineteen games Pillsbury walked twelve miles.

NEGRO MINERS GO HOME.

One Hundred and Ten Find the Climate of Colorado Too Rigorous,

St. Louis, Dec. 31.-One hundred and ten negroes passed through the Union Station this morning on the way to their homes in Dayton. Tenn. All are miners, and six months ago were imported to West Dayton, Col., near Pueblo, to work in mines, taking the places of men who struck for higher wages. The negroes became dis-sutisfied a few weeks ago, mostly on account of the extreme cold weather, which they could not endure. Henry Foster, one of the negroes, says:

We were made to work without proper prowe were made to work frozen to death. It was so cold out there that we could scarcely breathe. The men wanted fires built in the mines, but the company would not do it."

10 SEE ROOSEVELT INAUGURATED Delegation of Chicago's Hamilton Club to

Attend the Albany Ceremonies. CHICAGO, Dec. 31.-A committee of twelve members of the Hamilton Club left for Albany wer the Michigan Central Bailroad at midnight to-night to attend the inauguration of Col. Theodore Roosevelt as Governor of New York, and to present him with the testimonial York, and to present him with the testimonian proposed by the club. Col. Roosevelt is one of the five honorary members of the club; the other four being Senator John M. Thurston of Nebraska. Congressman Thomas B. Reed of Maine. Secretary of War Russell A. Alger and ex-Gov. W. D. Hoard of Wisconsin.

The party will arrive in Albany early on Monday morning.

EARTHQUAKES IN NEW ZEALAND. Ten Severe Shocks on Dec. 10 and 11-Vibra tion Extended Over 568 Miles.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 31 .- Latest mail advices from New Zealand report that ten severe shocks of earthquake were felt there between 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Dec. 10 and 2 o'clock on the morning of Dec. 11. The direction was from east to west. The ground rose everywhere in confused masses; houses creaked and rocked, and many were wrecked. So severe was the oscillation that water tunks splashed out their contents.

A dozen towns felt the vibration, extending over an area of 508 miles. The shocks were the most severe that ever visited the colony. shocks of earthquake were felt there between

Says Murderer Dunham Must Be His Double BURLINGTON, Ia., Dec. 31.-The local police officials are more positive than ever that the officials are more positive than ever that the prisoner Smith, in jail here, is J. D. Dunham, the California murderer. A photograph taken yesterday, compared with the ones of Dunham, shows a striking resemblance. Smith himself admits the similarity, but denies that he is Dunham, and insists that the murderer must be his double. Smith talks freely of his past life, and shows a suspicious familiarity with the scene of the murder and the circumstances connected with it.

Snowplough Gripman Mortally Hurt. Thomas Lacey, a gripman on a Metropolita Traction Company snowplough, fell from the ploughat 107th: reet and An sterdam avenue at midnight. He was struck by the plough and thrown ten feet. He was removed to the J Hood Wright Hospital with a fractured skuli

New Under Sherlif he Queens Sheriff William Baker of Queens county an

matinée of "Lohengrin" yesterda; afternoon in the Metropolitan went off with excellent precision and remarkable vigor of per-formance before an audience large in numbers and sufficiently appreciative, though not lavisly of applause. In spite of the fact that there was tion of Mme. Emma Eames, the public accepted tion was indeed, on the whole, very satisfac-

tion was indeed, on the whole, very satisfaction was indeed, on the whole, very satisfactory, for Saville has grown stronger and more authoritative in her art since she was last heard here, and her Elsa, though neither a very original nor an exceedingly beautiful delineation, yet was fine enough to answer every ordinary requirement.

Herr Van Dyek came forward yesterday for the first time as Lohengrin, and he was better in voice and action than he has yet been in any character: His Lohengrin was poetic, tender and knightly, his farewell to Elsa especially sweet and touching, while his relation of his journey and the description of the glowing realm he left in order to become Elsa's champion was full of interest and dignity.

Meiselinger repeated her incompetent attempt to sing Orbinol. Where, by the way, are the contraites of Mr. Grau's company? But the mise-en-sche was so brilliant, and the general movement of the operns of lively, that only commendation can be given where so much enjoyment was offered. Following is yesterday's cast:

Elsa von Brabant.

Mme. Saville Corred.

Conductor, Herr Schalk.

SEMBRICH IN "LA TRAFIATA,"

Great Audience Goes to Hear the Hitherto Unpopular Opera.

There are some operas to which New Yorkers considerable number, is "Faust." Probably it would be found on examination that "Lohengrin" is another. There are other operas to which the ordinary audience here is supposed to be equally hostile. "Lucia" is one of these and "La Traviata" is another. The second opera had not been heard by a large audience for seasons. Manager Grau has tried it with various prima donnas, and always with the same result, which was discoursging to the finances of the establishment. "La Traviata" had taken its place in the category of opera-that New York would not listen to—until last

had taken its place in the category of operas that New York would not listen to—until last night.

Then how different the scene was! With a blizzard raging outside and a holiday night, every scat in the opera house was taken. Unaccustomed crowds stood at the back of the orchestra seats. Such an audience has not been gathered in the Metropolitan on a Saturday night for years. There was but one star in the cast—that was Marcella Sembrich, and that fact explained what might have seemed the otherwise inexpleable renaissance of "La Traviata" in public favor.

Mine Sembrich's Violetta has been praised before. Vocally it is incomparable. No such performance exists on the lyric stage to-day, it is preëminent not only from her faultless vocalization. To discuss Sembrich's art as a vocalist is to exhaust superlatives. To dwell on the beauties of her voice is equally futile. Those are established truths. It would be as useful to discuss the existence of the Grant monument. There is but one Sembrich in voice and art. Her Violetta, as a dramatic performance, ranks with the best lyricachievements of the day. She acts Violetta is twas never played before, just as she does Juliette in Gound's opera. Either could stand alone on its theatrical merits as an exceptionally brilliant achievement.

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Of last night's repetition it need only be said that Mme. Sembrich was in better voice than at the first performance of "La Traviata." The singing of "Ah, fors & lui" was again the best possible accomplishment of the singer's art. Throughout the evening her performance remained on the same lofty plane.

ORATORIO SOCIETY CONCERT. Christmas Week Performance of "The

Messiah. An audience which completely filled Carne gle Hall assembled last night to hear the annual performance of "The Messiah." This produc-tion has become an institution in our local life. and its omission during Christmas week would excite almost as much comment as though The Oratorio Society had the assistance of prano; Mrs. Kathnrine Fiske, contraite; Mr. Whitney Mockridge, tenor, and Mr. David Bispham, basso, the latter's work being far and away the best part of the evening's enter-

The singing of the chorus is deserving of much praise. They have a confidence in attack which is born of long practice in ensemble work. It is true that the sorranos too often exercise their self-assumed prerogative of singing out of tune, but it would be contrary to expectations were it otherwise. The tenors and bosses did nobly, though they were outbalanced by the prepon-

though they were outbalanced by the preponderance of female voices.

The audience, following the custom which is
as old as the oratorio itself, stood during the
singing of the "Halledijah" chorus, which
was effectively rendered.

Miss Anderson possesses a pleasing voice and
an attractive presence, but her singing lacks
the authority which she will undoubtedly
acquire with longer experience. This singer
was practically unknown to the public a short
time ago, but she has gained much popularity
through her appearances at concerts and various music festivals throughout the country.

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are. Fishe was thoroughly competent and used her excellent voice with care and good judgment.

But it remained for Mr. Bispham to carry off the honors. His keen musical perception, intelligent phrasing and artistic use of a naturally beautiful vocal organ enable him always to make a good impression. He was hadly handicapped in the last solo, "The trumpet shall sound," by the cornetist, who was off the pitch and who played exerably. Such an occurrence is deplorable, and there can be no good reason why a more capable trumpeter was not engaged.

Mr. Frank Damrosch deserves credit for the chorus work, but there is much room for improvement, notably in the matter of shading. The faithful Mr. Sealy played the organ.

At the next concert of the society on March 25 Berlioz's Requiem will be sung.

NEWNES'S SOUTH POLE EXPEDITION

The Southern Cross Reaches Hobart, Tas-mania; 80 Out of 100 Esquimaux Dogs Alive. VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 31.-The antarctic expedition fitted out by Sir George Newner under the auspices of the Royal Geographical Society has reached Hobart, Tasmania, outward bound, on the steamer Southern Cross ward bound, on the steamer Southern Cross. Eighty out of 100 dogs are alive. These are the first Esquimaux dogs with a Finland keeper that ever passed south of the equator. At Hobart the officers and crew were the guests at a banquet. Before leaving, Sir George Newness aid that thirty scientists were aboard, and that they would be back some time in 1900 with information of great value to the scientific world.

Queens County Contractors to Be Paid. The Queens county Board of Supervisors dopted resolutions yesterday directing the County Treasurer to pay in full all balances due county road contractors where the work had been finished. Engineer McLoughlin re nad seen initiated. Engineer actioning in re-ported that most of the roads had to be trimmed up and surplus materials removed as required under the terms of the contracts. The three Eupervisors representing the three county towns will meet on Tuesday at Mincola, the county seat of Nassau county, and organize as the Board of Supervisors of that county.

Young Woman Found Unconscious in Tenth

Policeman Crittenden of the West Twentieth street station found a young woman lying unconscious in front of 150 Tenth avenue evening. She was taken to the New York Hos-pital, apparently suffering from concussion of the brain. She revived, but refused to tell her name or anything about herself. She is about 28 years old.

Dr. Carrell Sails for Porto Rico.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Dec. 31 .- Dr. H. K. Carroll, Commissioner to Porto Rico to investigate the internal affairs of that island, sailed this morning on the Red D line steamer Philadel-phia to complete his work. He had been at home a month revising the Porto Rican tariff and compiling reports to be presented to the President. The commission expects to return to this country about the last of January.

Judge Reagan Seriously Ill.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 31.-W. H. Mobley, se n-law of Judge John H. Reagan, reached Dat las from Palestine to-hight. Mr. Mobley re-ports Judge Reagan's condition from pneumo-nia to be serious. While the aged state-man is not considered to be mertally ill, his leed be con-dition makes his friends uneasy about the out-come of his sickness.

The Equitable Life Assurance Society

Of the United States.

Preliminary Statement, Dec. 31, 1898.

Outstanding Assurance, \$980,000,000 Total Income, - -50,000,000 New Assurance issued, 170,000,000 Total Assets, - - -255,000,000 Assurance Fund and all other liabilities, 200,000,000 Total Surplus, - - -55,000,000

Detailed Statement will be published hereafter.

Henry B. Hyde, President. James W. Alexander, Vice-President.

IN MEMORY OF THE MEN OF '98. Irish Society Put Wreaths on the Graves of

Prominent Irishmen Yesterday. In memory of the men of '98, the Irish Society of this city, at the request of the Irishmen of England, placed a wreath yesterday upon the grave of Samuel Neilson, originator of the Society of United Irishmen, whose body is interred in the Rural Cemetery at Poughkeepsie, and also upon the grave of Matilda Wolfe Tone Wilson, wife of Theobald Wolfe Tone, founder of the Society of United Irishmen, whose body, with that of her son, is buried in Greenwood Cemetery. The grave of Dr. William James MacNeven, one of the founders of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York whose body is in the Riker private burying ground at Newtown, L. I., was also decorated, as well as Newtown, L. I., was also decorated, as well as the monument erected to his memory byithe citizens of New York in St. Paul's Church yard. Being unable to find the exact burial place of Thomas Addis Emmet, a wreath was placed upon his monument in St. Paul's Churchyard. The last resting place of the Poliock family being unknown, a wreath was placed upon the grave of St. Claire Poliock, a nephew of Joseph Poliock, one of the original members of the Society of the United Irishmen. His grave is situated directly opposite the Grant monument at Claremont.

The society will dine to-night at the Tuxedo. Fifty-ninth street and Madison avenue, at 9:30,

M'KINLEY'S CONFEDERATE BADGE.

Secretary Porter Writes to Its Donor to Send On Half a Dogen More. MACON, Ga., Dec. 31 .- Dr. Roland B. Hall, who pinned the Confederate Veteran's badge on President McKinley's coat on his recent trip to Macon, to-day received the following letter:

"Executive Mansion.

"Washington, D. C., Dec. 29, 1898.

"My Dear Sin: In the President's behalf, I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23d inst. and to assure you of his appreciation of the courtesy you have a few more of the badges, say five or six, if you can spare that many. Yours truly,

"To Mr. Boland B. Hall, Macon. Ga.",

Dr. Hall will send badges at once.

Stabbed in a Street Row.

During a fight in front of 501 Forsyth street yesterday afternoon Joseph Petzgold, 18 years old, of 129 Mulberry street, stabbed Louis Amstibowsky, 27 years old, of 87 Chrystie street, in the left side. Petzgold had called Amstibowsky a "sheeney" and the latter had Amstrowsky a Sneeney and the latter had retorted with "dago." The Italian was being worsted in the fight which followed until he drew the knife. He was locked up in the Eldridge street station and the wounded man was sent to Gonverneur Hospitat, where the doctors say his condition is serious. The Coroner took his ante-mortem statement.

Printer Commits Suicide. Richard McCoy, a printer, 45 years old, was found dead yesterday in a room on the third floor of Daniel Kennedy's Raines law hotel at Grand street and Union avenue, Williamsburg He had committed suicide by inhaling illumi-

A Young Newsdealer Kills Himself. John Burge, 22 years old, a newsdealer at 1702 Fulton street, Brooklyn, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by shooting himself through the mouth. He is supposed to have become despondent over his business prospects.

During convalescence after

La Grippe you are, for a long time, pale, weak and listless. Your appetite is poor and digestion impaired; the food you eat seems to impart no strength and the building up pro-cess is tediously slow. You need an iron-tonic to vitalize the blood. FEEDTHE BLOOD

improve digestion, stimulate every organ to get to work, and thus make convales cence speedy.

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fecca Temple, Mystic Shrine, Conducts Masonic Services in Scottish Rite Hall. The body of Augustus W. Peters, President of the borough of Manhattan, who died on Thurs-

day morning, lay in state yesterday afternoon and evening in Scottish Rite Hall, Twentyninth street and Madison avenue, guarded by a detail from the Old Guard. Many of Mr. Peters's friends went to the hall, and societies, clubs and secret organizations to which he had be-longed sent flowers. The coffin was at the head longed sent flowers. The coffin was at the head of the main aisle in the hall. In spite of the storm there was a constant procession of men through the building until 8 o'clock in the evening, at which hour the services began.

These were conducted by Mecca Temple of the Mystic Shrine, of which Mr. Peters was the Potentate for many years. Delegations were present from the Old Guard, Mecca Temple, the Tammany Hall General and Executive committees, the Municipal Assembly and departments of the city government, besides a large number of personal and business friends of Mr. Peters. After the Mascaic services taps were sounded, while a firing squad from the Old Guard in uniform stood at present arms around the coffin.

The body was taken north on the way to St. John, N. B., on the midnight train from the Grand Central Station. A delegation from Mecca Temple accompanied it. Religious services will be held in St. John, where the body will be buried.

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Hearse Team Ran Away While Driver Was in a Saloon-Coffin Thrown Out. Eugene Dugan of 418 East 119th street had een drinking yesterday when he was sent by his employer to drive a hearse to St. Raymond Cemetery, on the West Farms road. In the hearse was a coffin containing the bodies of Michael and Joseph Barry, two months old, the children of Patrick Barry of 565 East 165th street. At the corner of 167th street and Third avenue Dugan stopped the funeral pro-cession while he went into a saloon to get an-other drink.

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During his absence the team of horacs drawing the hearse took fright and ran down Third avenue. At 146th street they turned and ran over to Willis avenue and then down to 132d street. There both animals fell into a hole and were injured. The hearse was smashed and the coffin was thrown out on the street. Dugan followed the team, and was arrested by Policeman Stutt of the Alexander avenue station on a charge of intoxication. After a delay of an hour another hearse was secured and the funeral proceeded to the cemetery.

Rough Weather Delayed the Britannic. The White Star liner Britannic, which usually gets into this port from Liverpool and Queenstown on Thursday night, did not show up at Quarantine until yesterday afternoon. Her commander, Capt. Haddock, reported that she had been held back forty-eight hours by tempesutous weather. Her time was 9 days 15 hours and 32 minutes. On her last previous voyage this way she covered the same course exactly, logging 2.781 knots from Queenstown. Then her time was 8 days 22 hours and 39 minutes.

S. S. Bent Found Dead in Bed.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Dec. 31 .- 8. 8. Bent, 70 years old, a retired iron manufacturer, was ound dead in bed at his home in Port Chester this morning. Coroner Banning of Mount Ver-non was summoned and found that he had died of paralysis of the heart. Mr. Bent is said to have had a fortune of \$1.00,000 at one time, but owing to financial reverses lost mest of it. He owned a large foundry on the East River in New York and afterward operated the Globe Iron Works in Port Chester.

Found Dying in the Street.

David Brooks, 43 years old, of 292 East Houston street was found lying in front of 271 Grand street yesterday afternoon. A police man took him to the Eldridge street station thinking he was intoxicated. The Sergeant sent for an ambulance.

At Gouverneur Hospital the house surgeons could make nothing of the case. At 8:15 o'clock the man died. He had complained of pains in his stomach. The Coroner will perform an autopay on the corpse.

Windsor Hotel at Asbury Park Burned. ABBURY PARK, N. J., Doc. 31 .- Early this orning the Windsor Hotel on Second avenue was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$8,000. The house was owned by Mrs. MacCastland, who is conducting a hotel at Lakewood this winter. The fire was caused by an overheated

Tugboat Lottie Burned.

BORDESTOWN, N. J., Dec. 31.-The tugboat Lottie, belonging to James Gallagher of Philadelphia, was burned this morning in the Dela-ware River at Florence, while waiting to take out the schooner Wheatley, which had just dis-charged her cargo at the wharf of the Florence Iron Works.

Winninish at the Aquarium. The Aquarium has received, as a gift from H. . Beemer, five winninish from Lake St. John, Province of Quebec, Canada. They are fine handsome specimens, the largest of then weighing about 2% pounds.

STANDARD OIL INVESTIGATION.

Attorney-General Monnett Wants Master Brinsmade Removed by the Court. CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 31,-Attorney-General Monnett has asked the Supreme Court to remove Col. A. D. Brinsmade as Special Master Commissioner in the Standard Oil contempt hearing. The Attorney-General charges that the Standard Oll Company has adopted a dilatory course throughout the hearing, putting

the State's legal department to unnecessary

the State's legal department to unnecessity expense. It is further charged that Brinsmade has yielded to the Standard's applications for continuances and delays.

Master Commissioner Brinsmade was angry to-day at the motion of the Attorney-General to have him discharged as Master Commissioner in the Standard Oil cases.

"The Attorney-General," said Mr. Brinsmade, "Is himself solely responsible for all delays which have thus far been made in the Standard Oil investigation. It was my understanding with the Supreme Court that the examination of Mr. Rockefeller was to take place in New York and not in Ohio. It is not my intention to be misrepresented by a pack of les. I cannot commit these Standard Oil witnesses to nil without authority, although I have been requested by the Attorney-General to send Secretary Squire to jail. He also asked me to certify Virgil F. Kline, counsel for the Standard to the Supreme Court, for contempt."

Mr. Brinsmade is at work preparing a statement to be presented to the Supreme Court next week which he says will prove the falsity of Monnett's allegations.

BANK TAXATION IN KENTUCKY.

Government Bonds Which Are Part of the Capital Stock Are Not Exempt. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 31.-Two very imortant points in bank taxation were decided to-day by Judge Barr in the case of the First National Bank against State Auditor Stone, The bank sued to enjoin the State from collecting certain taxes which had been assessed for the year 1807-98.

Exemption was claimed for \$500,000 of United States bonds, making a part of the capital stock, and complaint was also made that the capital stock was assessed by the State Board at its full value, instead of at 70 per cent, of its eash value, as is the case with property held by ndividuals, the assessors all over the State following out this rule as a fair valuation Judge Barr holds that the shares of capital stock may be taxed whether these shares are

stock may be taxed, whether these shares are based on United States bonds or not representing so much capital. He also questions the legality of the practice of assessing capital to for per cent. of its valuation in the light of opinions rendered, but holds that so long as this practice is continued in force relative to the individual property holder the complainant should also be entitled to the relief asked. The case will be appealed. Consolidation Except on the Editorial Page. CINCINNATI, Dec. 31.-The two leading German morning newspapers of Cincinnati, Volks-blatt and Volksfreund, have formed a combination whereby the latter will dispose of its en-tire force, excepting one or two editors, and have its paper produced by the Volksblatt. a consolidation, but a stroke for economy, le-ginning Monday, the Volksblatt and Volks-fraud will be identical, contening the same telegraph and local news, with the single ex-ception of one column of editorial matter. The Volksblatt will strive to maintain its Republi-can and the Volksfreund its Democratic policy,

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